

## REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action dated July 28, 2006. Claims 1 – 5 and 10 - 14 are now presented for examination. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Support for these amendments is detailed in the remarks that follow. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 10 are independent.

Favorable review is respectfully requested.

### Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has stated that the information disclosure statement filed on 6/22/06 is blank and does not cite any prior art references. Applicants believe the IDS submitted on 6/22/06 properly listed the prior art references. A copy of the PTO Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt is attached hereunder for the Examiner's reference. Applicants respectively request that the cited references be considered as to the merits.

### The §102 rejection:

Claims 1 – 4 and 10 – 13 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Aziz et al. (U.S. 2002/0135296 A1).

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as their invention. Specifically, claims 1 and 10 have been amended to more particularly claim that a buffer layer is provided in contact with the second electrode and is disposed between the second electrode and the protective

film layer. Support for this amendment is found at least in paragraphs 0057, 0060 and Figure 1 and paragraph 0065 and Figure 2.

The Examiner has indicated that applicants term “adjacent” means near but not necessarily touching. Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 have been amended to more particularly claim that the buffer layer is in contact with the second electrode.

Aziz does not teach or suggest or disclose a buffer layer in contact with the electrode. None of the various embodiments as illustrated in Figures 1 – 4 of the reference teach or disclose a buffer layer in contact with the electrode. Accordingly, applicants respectfully believe Aziz does not anticipate Applicants’ amended claims 1 and 10. Since claims 2 – 4 and 11 - 13 depend directly from claims 1 and 10 respectively, and since claims 1 and 10, as amended, are believed to be allowable, then claims 2 – 4 and claims 11 -13 are believed to be allowable as well.

The §103 rejection:

Claims 5 and 14 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aziz et al. (U.S. 2002/0135296 A1).

Claims 5 and 14 depend directly from claims 1 and 10 respectively, and since claims 1 and 10, as amended, are believed to be allowable, then claims 5 and 14 are believed to be allowable as well.

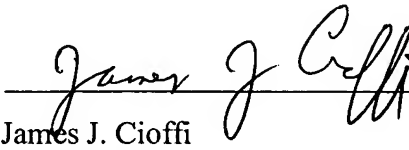
Summary:

In view of all the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that any objections or rejections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn. Further action with respect to the present application is earnestly solicited. If the

Examiner finds this application is deficient in any respect, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest possible convenience.

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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